ODP 0-1055
6 AUG 1980

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Research & Development

FROM: Bruce T. Johnson
Director of Data Processing

SUBJECT: Budgeting for Experimental Online Access
System

1. The Director has approved a recommendation of
the NFIB Information Handling Committee that we explore
secure methods of providing external access to the Agency's
RECON data base managed by the Office of Central Reference
and maintained on ODP computers. As a result of our tele-
phone conversation of 4 August, I believe you and I are in
agreement that the logical organization to direct this
research effort is ORD and that the funds for this purpose
should be added to the ORD budget. RMS guidance calls for
CIA "to submit an unranked package with the FY 1982 budget
estimates" to support this program.

2. Attached is a rather miscellaneous collection of
documents on the most recent IHC efforts to come to grips
with this problem of Community access to RECON. I believe
that you will find in this documentation the information
you need to prepare the "unranked" package which CIA has
been asked to submit. I will be happy to consult with you
or any of your staff on the matter, of course, and to be of
whatever assistance I can in the development of the package.

3. In submitting the package to the Office of the
Comptroller I suggest you request the transfer to ORD of
the $325,000 which is currently in the OCR budget for FY-81,
identified as the first increment of funding for some un-
specified version of Community RECON.

4.   Once the budgeting question is out of the way and
you turn to the more rewarding and stimulating task of
addressing the substantive problems posed by this recommenda-
tion, I suggest that we organize a joint conference involving
representatives from ORD, ODP, OCR, OS/ISSG, and RMS/IRO
to explore alternative approaches to the problem.

/s/ Bruce T. Johnson

Bruce T. Johnson

Attachments

cc: O/Comptroller w/o att.
    D/OCR w/o att.
    DDS&T w/o att.
    D/IRO w/o att.
    C/MS/DDA w/o att.

O/D/ODP/BJohnson:ee/8-6-80

Distribution:
  Orig - adse
     1 - ea cc
     2 - ODP Registry
     2 - O/D/ODP
     1 - C/S PS
     1 - DD/P/ODP
List of Attachments:
  Excerpt fm July memo to DDCI fm Dep to DCI for RM
  Working Paper, TS █████ 845-80
  Note to D/NFAC fm D/OCR dtd 17 July 80
  Memo to Ch/IHC fm DIA dtd 26 June 80
  Memo to D/ODP fm D/OCR dtd 20 May 80
  Memo to D/ODP fm NFAC ADP Control Officer dtd 20 May 80

STATINTL